

In the Claims:

1. (Currently amended) A hand-held communication device comprising:

a loudspeaker to generate and deliver sound, in an against-the-ear mode, into a space bounded by an ear and, in an away-from-the-ear mode, into an acoustic free space a hand-held housing that includes

a sound-collecting chamber that encloses at least a portion of the loudspeaker,

a first housing region to convey, in the against-the-ear mode, the sound generated by the loudspeaker into the acoustic free space without being blocked by the ear,

a second housing region, that does not comprise the first housing region, to convey the sound generated by the loudspeaker in the against-the-ear mode to the space bounded by the ear,

a sound-delivery chamber to convey the sound generated by the loudspeaker, in the away-from-the-ear mode, through the first housing region into the acoustic free space, the sound-delivery chamber to amplify the sound conveyed into the acoustic free space relative to the sound conveyed into the space bounded by the ear, and relative to the sound entering the sound-delivery chamber,

a first duct to convey the sound generated by the loudspeaker, in the against-the-ear mode, from the sound-delivery chamber and through the second housing region into the space bounded by the ear, and

a second duct to convey the sound generated by the loudspeaker from the sound-collecting chamber to the sound-delivery chamber, in both the against-the-ear mode and the away-from-the-ear mode.

2. (Previously presented) A communication device as claimed in claim 1, wherein the second duct opens at one end into the sound-collecting chamber and at another end into the sound-delivery chamber, and the sound-delivery chamber to amplify the sound conveyed by the second duct from the loudspeaker and to convey the amplified sound through the first housing region into the acoustic free space.

3. (Previously presented) A communication device as claimed in claim 1, wherein the second duct has an essentially rectangular flow cross-section having a width in a range from 5 mm to 8 mm and a height in a range from 0.3 mm to 0.7 mm.
4. (Previously presented) A communication device as claimed in claim 3, wherein the sound-delivery chamber has a volume in a range from 0.01 ccm to 0.4 ccm.
5. (Previously presented) A communication device as claimed in claim 1, wherein the sound-delivery chamber has a portion that opens to the first housing region, the communications device further including a cover having an acoustic friction to cover the portion of the sound-delivery chamber that opens to the first housing region, and wherein the portion of the sound-delivery chamber has a cross section that is larger than a cross-section of the second duct.
6. (Currently amended) A communication device as claimed in claim 1, wherein the first duct is defined by a boundary wall of the sound-delivery chamber, the sound-delivery chamber to amplify the sound conveyed through the first housing region into the acoustic free space to a greater extent than the sound conveyed by the second duct through the second housing region into the space bounded by the ear, wherein the second duct and the sound-delivery chamber create a resonator, the sound-delivery chamber amplifying a sound level of the sound conveyed to the acoustic free space through resonance.
7. (Previously presented) A communication device as claimed in claim 6, wherein the first duct has a flow cross-section having a cross-sectional area in the range between 1 mm² and 5 mm².
8. (Previously presented) A communication device as claimed in claim 6, wherein the first duct is covered along the inside of the sound-delivery chamber with a cover that has an acoustic friction.
9. (Previously presented) A communication device as claimed in claim 1, further comprising a sound deflector disposed at least partly inside the second housing region to deflect the sound

delivered through the second housing region into the space bounded by an ear, from said space into the acoustic free space.

10. (Previously presented) A communication device as claimed in claim 9, wherein the sound deflector includes a sound-deflection chamber that is open at least to the first housing region, and a deflection duct that opens at one end into the sound-deflection chamber and at another end into the space bounded by the ear.

11. (Previously presented) A communication device as claimed in claim 10, further comprising a cover that covers the cross section of the deflection duct and that has an acoustic friction, and that is provided in the region of the opening of the deflection duct into the sound-deflection chamber.

12. (Previously presented) A communication device as claimed in claim 1, further including an acoustically-sealed rear chamber that is on an opposite side of the loudspeaker, relative to the sound-collecting chamber, and that seals an air volume situated on the opposite side of the loudspeaker.

13. (Previously presented) A communication device as claimed in claim 12, wherein the loudspeaker separates the sound-collecting chamber from the rear chamber.

14. (Previously presented) A communication device as claimed in claim 1, wherein the second duct and the sound-delivery chamber form a resonator that amplifies the sound generated by the loudspeaker in a frequency range of between about 4 kHz and 10 kHz.

15. (Previously presented) A communication device as in claim 1, wherein the second duct and the sound-delivery chamber are arranged to reduce the sound pressure in the sound-delivery chamber, relative to sound pressure in the sound-collecting chamber.

16. (Previously presented) A communication device as in claim 1, wherein the hand-held housing further includes another sound-delivery chamber to convey the sound generated by the

loudspeaker, in the away-from-the-ear mode, through the first housing region into the acoustic free space, and a third duct to convey the sound generated by the loudspeaker from the sound-collecting chamber to the other sound-delivery chamber, in both the against-the-ear mode and the away-from-the-ear mode.

17. (Previously presented) A communication device as in claim 16, wherein the hand-held housing further includes a fourth duct to convey the sound generated by the loudspeaker, in the against-the-ear mode, from the other sound-delivery chamber and through the second housing region into the space bounded by the ear.

18. (Previously presented) A communication device as in claim 16, wherein, in the away-from-the-ear mode, the sound-delivery chamber is further to amplify the sound conveyed by the second duct from the loudspeaker and to convey the amplified sound through the first housing region into the acoustic free space, and wherein, in the away-from-the-ear mode, the other sound delivery chamber is further to amplify the sound conveyed by the third duct from the loudspeaker and to convey the amplified sound through the first housing region into the acoustic free space.

19. (Previously presented) A communication device as in claim 17, wherein, in the away-from-the-ear mode, the sound-delivery chamber and the other sound-delivery chamber are further to amplify the sound conveyed through the first housing region into the acoustic free space to a greater extent than the sound conveyed by the second and fourth ducts through the second housing region into the space bounded by the ear.

20. (Previously presented) A communication device as in claim 16, further comprising a sound deflector disposed at least partly inside the second housing region to deflect the sound delivered through the second housing region into the space bounded by an ear, from said space into the acoustic free space, the sound deflector including a sound-deflection chamber that is open at least to the first housing region, and a deflection duct that opens at one end into the sound-deflection chamber and at another end into the space bounded by the ear.